

No. 481, the Coburn motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to recede to Section 517 of the Senate amendment that prohibits the use of funds to distribute postcoital emergency contraception (the morning-after pill) to minors on the premises or in the facilities of any elementary or secondary school.

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HHS, Education, and Related Agencies—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Obey informed the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to insist on disagreeing with provisions in the Senate amendment which denies the President's request for dedicated resources to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for local school construction and, instead, broadly expands the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of the funds.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7725.

Referral: S. 2247 was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7798, H7799, and H7825. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WILDERNESS AREAS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing on H.R. 4646, to designate certain National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUTURE OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing Future of Electronic Payments: Roadblocks and Emerging Practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING INSURANCE FOR CONSUMERS

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials concluded hearings on Improving Insurance for Consumers—Increasing Uniformity and Efficiency in Insurance Regulation. Testimony

was heard from Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, GAO; J. Lee Covington, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Implementation of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; Jay L. Rutherford, Director, Water Supply Division, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

NLRB: RECENT TRENDS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on the National Labor Relations Board: Recent Trends and Their Implications. Testimony was heard from Leonard R. Page, General Counsel, NLRB; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Financial Management Issues at the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Gloria Jarmon, Director, Health, Education and Human Services, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Lorraine Lewis, Inspector General, Department of Education; and a public witness.

NEEDLESTICK SAFETY AND

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5178, Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act.

IS DRUG USE UP OR DOWN?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Is Drug Use Up or Down? Testimony was heard from William Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Scientific Research, Department of Health and Human Services; Julie Samuels, Acting Director, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service held an oversight hearing on the U.S.

Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service, William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and CEO; Karla W. Corcoran, Inspector General; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

GAO ASSESSMENT—U.S. JUDICIAL AND POLICE REFORM ASSISTANCE IN HAITI

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on GAO Assessment of U.S. Judicial and Police Reform Assistance in Haiti. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jess T. Ford, Associate Director; Virginia C. Hughes, Assistant Director; and Juan F. Tapia-Videla, Evaluator-In-Charge.

U.S. VIETNAM RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Prelude to New Directions in U.S. Vietnam Relations: The 2000 Bilateral Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported private bills.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITION PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4945, Small Business Competition Preservation Act of 2000. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Talent.

CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT—WATER EXCHANGE IN LIEU OF ELECTRIFICATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Simpson.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine food safety issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the impact of antimicrobial resistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 2933, to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the GAO investigation of the Everglades and water quality issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to Fidel Castro, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 2920, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; S. 1840, to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes; S. 2688, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American Language Survival Schools; and